St. Paul District Energy has installed the first of hundreds of solar thermal panels that are being integrated into its system as part of the Solar Cities Special Projects grant. The installation, creating a 1-MW equivalent solar thermal system, should be complete by the end of the month. The project will result in the largest solar thermal system in the upper Midwest and be one of the first completed Special Projects. The project will allow testing of new technological and business models for using district energy systems as a market transformation tool for solar energy.

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